



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Jason Simpson, City Manager

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Subject:** **Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement with Leibold McClendon & Mann, PC**

### **Recommendation**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement with Leibold McClendon & Mann, PC for ongoing legal services to the City.

### **Background**

Leibold McClendon & Mann, PC (LMM) has served as City Attorney to the City of Lake Elsinore since July 1, 1997.

### **Discussion**

LMM serves as legal advisor to the City Council, City Manager, and the various City departments, commissions, committees, and boards. In its capacity as City Attorney, LMM prepares and reviews legal documents, including resolutions, ordinances, contracts, reports, and planning and zoning documents and entitlements. LMM advises City officials on federal, state and local laws and regulations and on municipal matters, including open meeting laws, conflicts of interest, public records, planning and zoning, public contracts, real property, water and environmental laws, intergovernmental relations, mining, and election laws. LMM also represents the City in litigation.

## Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement

On January 27, 2026, the City Council met in Closed Session to review the performance of the City Attorney and authorized and directed the City Attorney to prepare an update to the City's Legal Services Agreement. The purpose of the proposed Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement is to document the current terms and conditions into a single updated Legal Services Agreement.

LMM continuously provides excellent services to the City and successfully defends the City's interests. LMM possesses the expertise and institutional knowledge necessary to serve the best interests of the City.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Funds for City Attorney services are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Amended and Restated Legal Services Agreement